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Rutgers School of Dental Medicine New Partnership with Crossroads and Invitation to Join the International Federation of Dental Schools and Faculties



Alayna Quattrocchi (center) with Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry Mary Beth Giacona (second from left) and RSDM pediatric dentistry residents at the school's Brunsden-Villa Pediatric Dental Center.

Rutgers School of Dental Medicine has launched an exciting new collaboration with Crossroads, a public school serving children with autism, to help remove barriers to dental care for students with significant support needs. The initiative brings children to RSDM's

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Beyond clinical visits, the partnership focuses on building trust by preparing students for dental appointments and allowing them the time they need to feel comfortable. Faculty and residents also benefit from enhanced training opportunities, including working with Crossroads' therapy team and expanding outreach efforts. Both partners hope to broaden the program and deepen the collaboration to better support the health of children with complex needs.

RSDM has also become the first American institution to be invited to join the Federation of Dental Schools and Faculties (FIEFO). This historic milestone will allow RSDM to further their commitment to advancing oral healthcare globally through dental education, research, and community-based care.

Founded in 2014, FIEFO is a global network of dental schools united by a commitment to innovation and equity in oral health. Its members collaborate to expand international academic and faculty exchange, promote joint research efforts, and strengthen community-oriented dentistry. Through these initiatives, the federation aims to prepare future dental professionals to address oral health challenges across diverse populations with a global perspective.

Learn more about both initiatives here:

<https://sdm.rutgers.edu/news/2026/01/new-partnership-serves-kids-special-healthcare-needs>

<https://sdm.rutgers.edu/news/2026/01/rsdm-becomes-first-american-institution-join-ibero-american-assembly>



FIEFO's President and Dean of Francisco Marroquín University Dental School Estuardo Mata Castillo (fifth from left), Secretary of FIEFO and Dean of Stomatology Universidad Científica del Sur Claudio Peña Soto (third from left), RSDM Dean Cecile A. Feldman (fourth from right), and RSDM Associate Dean for Admissions Rosa Chaviano-Moran (second from right) together with other FIEFO and RSDM representatives at the organization's 10th Assembly in Guatemala.

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Rutgers Global—Ghana Working Group

At the end of January, Rutgers Global convened faculty from across several Rutgers schools to share and discuss their ongoing work in Ghana. The gathering brought together faculty that is engaged in a wide range of projects throughout the country, creating a space to exchange ideas, identify shared interests, and explore opportunities for partnership. By forming this group, Rutgers Global aims to strengthen collaboration and foster a more connected community among those leading initiatives in Ghana.

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